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CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURES

REF: A. GENEVA 1567; B. STATE 52131

1. IN TWO CLOSED MEETINGS MARCH 3 AND 4, HRC COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF SITUATIONS REFERRED UNDER ECOSOC RES 1503. PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT OBSERVERS FROM BRAZIL AND ISRAEL HAD INDICATED THEY DID NOT WISH TO MAKE STATEMENTS TO HRC SINCE EACH CONSIDERED WRITTEN COMMENTS ALREADY SUBMITTED TO BE SUFFICIENT. CHILE AND UGANDA OBSERVERS PREPARED TO MAKE STATEMENTS; NO CONTACT POSSIBLE WITH EQUATORIAL GUINEA SINCE THAT GOVERNMENT DOES NOT MAINTAIN MISSION IN GENEVA.

2. BRAZIL - GARMENT (USA) MOTION TO INITIATE STUDY UNDER ECOSOC RES 1503 SUPPORTED BY AUSTRIA, WHILE URUGUAY PROPOSED THAT WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION FOR NO FURTHER ACTION BE APPROVED. CANADA
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PROPOSED THAT GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL BE ASKED TO SUPPLY TO HRC DETAILED

INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT IN BRAZIL WITH RESPECT TO ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL OF URUGUAY EXPRESSED BY DELEGATIONS OF LEBANON, PANAMA, EGYPT, SENEGAL, IRAN, YUGOSLAVIA AND PAKISTAN. NO REPEAT NO VIEWS EXPRESSED BY WEO HRC MEMBERS, UK, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, TURKEY. MOTION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO GIVE PRIORITY TO URUGUAYAN PROPOSAL ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 14-4 (AUSTRIA, CANADA, CUBA, US)-7. URUGUAY PROPOSAL THEN ADOPTED 16-3 (CANADA, AUSTRIA, US)-6 (UK, CUBA, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, LESOTHO).

3. CHILE - AFTER HEARING BRIEF STATEMENT BY OBSERVER FROM CHILE, HRC APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE MOTION OF UK TO APPROVE WG RECOMMENDATION TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS ON CHILE TO AD HOC WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED UNDER SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM ON CHILE.

4. EQUATORIAL GUINEA - WG RECOMMENDATION TO TAKE NO ACTION APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

5. ISRAEL - EGYPT, SUPPORTED BY JORDAN, INSISTED COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO ISRAEL COVERED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ISRAEL PROPER AS WELL AS OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THEREFORE, WG RECOMMENDATION THAT COMMUNICATIONS BE REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING OCCUPIED TERRITORIES NOT SUFFICIENT. HRC MUST ALSO LOOK INTO SITUATION IN ISRAEL. EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL FOR HRC STUDY OF SITUATION IN ISRAEL NOT PRESSED ON UNDERSTANDING SUGGESTED BY YUGOSLAVIA THAT HRC WORKING GROUP WILL INQUIRE FURTHER INTO ORIGIN OF COMMUNICATIONS ON ISRAEL TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS IN ISRAEL INVOLVED.

6. UGANDA - HRC HEARD STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF UGANDA WELCOMING REPORT OF HRC WG AND ASSURING THAT WRONGS WHICH OCCURRED IN UGANDA HAVE BEEN RIGHTED AND THAT UGANDA GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE FULL COOPERATION WITH HRC. CANADA PROPOSED THAT HRC ADD TO OBSERVATIONS OF WG EXPRESSING HOPE THAT RECOMMENDATIONS OF UGANDA COMMISSION OF INQUIRY BE REALLY APPLIED A REQUEST TO UGANDA GOVERNMENT THAT REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS BE SENT TO HRC. GARMENT (US) STATED NEED TO KEEP UGANDA SITUATION BEFORE HRC AND PROPOSED THAT ON BASIS OF PUBLIC RECORD, DECISION TO STUDY SITUATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. REMAINDER OF COMMENTS BY YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, EGYPT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIBYA, CUBA, INDIA, PAKISTAN AND JORDAN UNIFORMLY PRAISED FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE OF COOPERATION OF UGANDA GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSED ANY FURTHER ACTION ON CASE, EVEN OF LIMITED NATURE PROPOSED BY CANADA. BOWING TO WISHES OF OVERWHELMING MAJORITY CANADA WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL AND THE HRC DECIDED TO ENDORSE VIEWS OF WG RE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AND THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BY HRC REQUIRED. GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA TO BE INFORMED BY UNSYG OF HRC DECISION. DALE

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